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## 1 CE DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

**Applied Council's directives:** 89/336/CEE modified by directives 92/31/CEE, 93/68/CEE

**Conformity to Standards:** **EMC:**  
EN 50081-2: 1994 - Emissions, General Norm  
EN 55011  
EN 50082-2: 1995 - Susceptibility, General Norm  
ENV 50140  
ENV 50141  
EN 61000-3-2  
EN 61000-3-3  
EN 61000-4-4  
EN 61000-4-5  
EN 61000-4-2  
EN 61000-4-8  
ENV 50204  
EN 55014-1

**Manufacturer:** DS Europe srl

**Address:** via F. Russoli, 6 Milan (Italy)

**Equipment type:** Digital transmitter for load cells

**Model:** Digital transmitter for load cells

**Year of registered mark:** 2001

The equipment has been tested in the typical installation configuration, as described by the instruction manual of the Product.

DS Europe srl certify that the above defined equipment meets the requirements of above mentioned directives.

Milan, September 12th, 2001

DS Europe srl  
Technical Dept.

## 2 PRODUCTS DESCRIBED BY THIS MANUAL

This manual describes the use of the digital signal conditioner produced by DS Europe and installed in the following products manufactured by DS Europe srl:

- Load cells
- Pressure transducers
- 689 stand alone digital conditioner

The manual will provide information concerning the digital conditioner, the electrical connections to the products, the supplied software utility and the used protocol (DSEnet).

## 3 GETTING STARTED

For a proper use of the supplied material we suggest:

1. read carefully the manual for correct electrical connections;
2. connect the transducer to a personal computer and power it on;
3. power on the computer and install the supplied software utility;
4. run the *Digital utility* selecting “Start → Programs → Digital utility→ Digital utility” from the START button
5. The program will begin to search the connected transducer in order to establish a communication  
→ You are ready for Your first measurements!

## 4 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

**Note:** RS485 output is obtained by connecting together TXD – with RXD – and TXD + with RXD +. RS485 line has to be terminated using a 500 Ohm resistor connected on the last transducer installed on the line.

### 4.1 LOAD CELL

CONDUCTOR COLOR	ELECTRICAL CONNECTION	CAN Output
RED	+ POWER SUPPLY (from 6 to 28 Vdc)	+ Power
BLACK	- POWER SUPPLY	- Power
VIOLET	RS 422 TXD +	
GREEN	RS 422 TXD -	
BLUE	RS 422 RXD +	CAN_L
BROWN	RS 422 RXD -	CAN_H
WHITE	+ ANALOG OUTPUT 0÷5V (Optional)	+ Analog Out
YELLOW	- ANALOG OUTPUT	- Analog Out

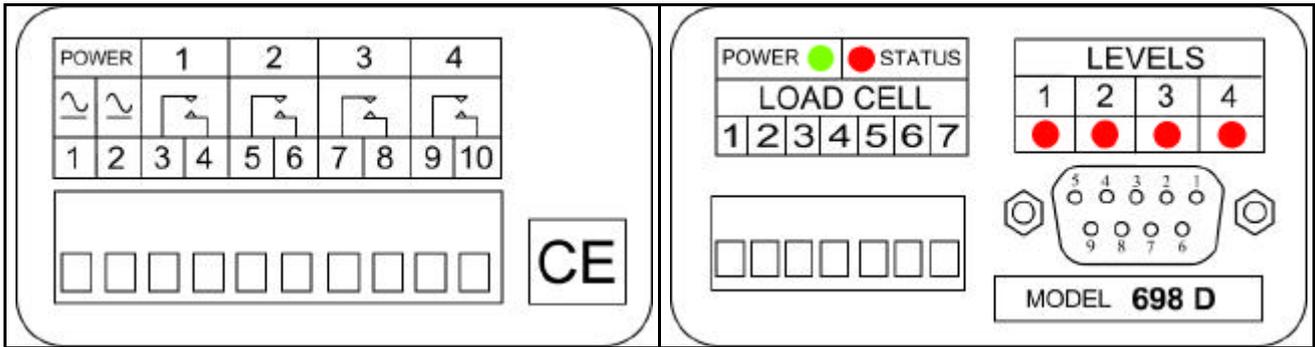
### 4.2 PRESSURE TRANSDUCER LP668

PIN CONNECTOR	ELECTRICAL CONNECTION	CAN Output
1	+ POWER SUPPLY (from 6 to 28 Vdc)	+ Power
2	COMMON (Power Supply and Analog output)	Common
3	RS 422 TXD +	CAN_H
4	RS 422 TXD -	CAN_L
5	RS 422 RXD +	
6	RS 422 RXD -	
7	+ ANALOG OUTPUT 0÷5V (Optional)	+ Analog Out

### 4.3 698 DIGITAL CONDITIONER

#### 4.3.1 REAR PANEL

#### 4.3.2 FRONT PANEL



#### Front Panel connections

Terminal	Description	DS Europe transducer
1	Earth connection	
2	Transducer's power supply -	Black
3	Transducer's power supply + 5V	Red
4	Input signal +	From 5 to 80 mV differential (power supply from 698)
5	Input signal -	
6	Analog output ground	
7	Analog output 0-5V (Optional)	

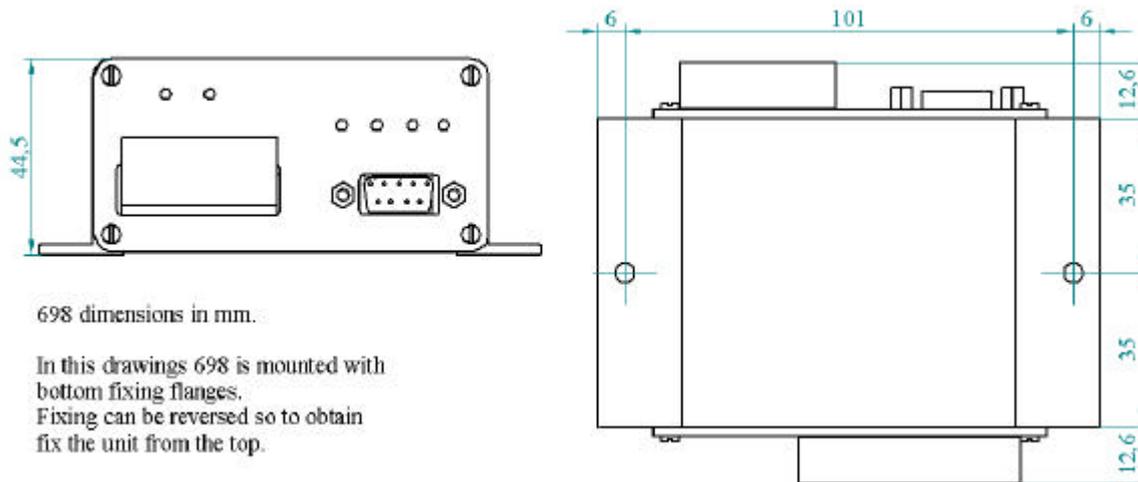
#### DB-9 Male

Pin	Description
1	RS 422 + RXD
6	RS 422 - RXD
2	RS 422 - TXD
7	RS 422 + TXD
8	Digital ground
3	+ 5 VDC
9	INPUT CONTACT 1 ( EXT. +24 V ) NO FUNCTION
4	INPUT CONTACT 2 ( EXT. +24 V ) ZERO FUNCTION
5	GROUND EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY

NOTE: for more information to input contacts see section 9.

#### Rear Panel connections

Terminal	Description
1	698 power supply
2	698 power supply
3	Relay contacts 1
4	
5	Relay contacts 2
6	
7	Relay contacts 3
8	
9	Relay contacts 4
10	



## 5 SOFTWARE GENERAL FEATURES

### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

This program has been studied in order to calibrate and manage digital measuring systems, like Load Cell, LP 660 pressure transducers, 698 digital conditioners.

*Computer Digital utility* is based on a user-friendly interface that allows connection by a computer with the possibility to perform easy setup, calibration of the measuring system and measurements.

**This program has the sole purpose to ease the User in the understanding of the product and its use. There is no intention to complete all the possible uses or functions that can be obtained by the transducer and it cannot be used to meter transducer's performances in respect of what declared by the manufacturer.**

### 5.2 MINIMUM COMPUTER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- PC 486 or better (desktop or notebook) with 3,5" floppy disk driver.
- 2 Mbytes hard disk free space minimum.
- 4 Mbytes RAM minimum.
- RS 422 port for connection to the display unit (COM port from 1 to 6).
- VGA 256 colours card or better with display resolution of 640x480 minimum.
- OS Windows© 95/98 (NT to be tested).
- Adobe Acrobat reader has to be installed on the computer in order to view the pdf version of this manual (version 3.0 or later).

The setup utility is Y2K compliant.

## 6 SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

Software utility is supplied with two 3,5" installation disks.

Insert disk number 1 and run file **a:\setup.exe** (supposing that Your floppy disk driver is named "a"), then follow the software instructions.

Setup program creates a program directory and a program group, containing the program and the uninstall utility.

A PDF copy of this manual, in its latest revision, (Adobe® Acrobat® reader is required in order to view this document) can be found in the program's directory.

## 7 SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

### 7.1 FIRST PROGRAM EXECUTION

Before running the software *Digital utility* for the first time, connect the measuring system to the RS232 port of the computer, using a line converter, and power all the measuring system.

A suitable line converter RS422/RS485 to RS 232, like the one produced by DS Europe, should convert automatically the lines without the need to use CTS/RTS serial lines.

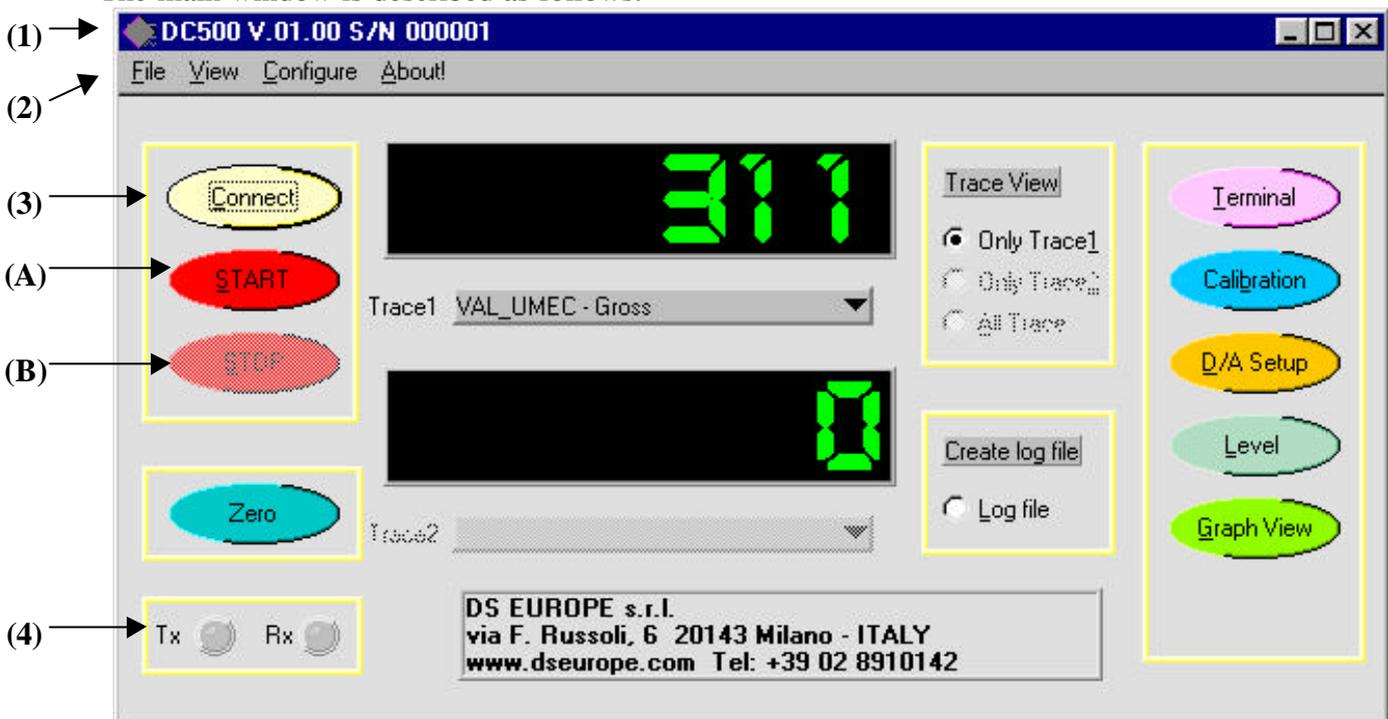
At the first run, the software scans the available serial interfaces on the computer and tries to connect to the unit.

To run the *Digital utility*, with the mouse select “Start → Programs → Digital utility→ Digital utility”.

When the scan detects a connected measuring system, it stops the scan indicating COM port and baud rate at which communication has been established. If it is needed to perform a new serial scan, it is possible to activate it manually from menu bar “Configure → Serial Scan”.

### 7.2 MAIN WINDOW

The main window is described as follows:



*Title bar* (1): when *Digital utility* connects successfully with system, it indicates the firmware version and system’s serial number.

*Menu bar* (2): it contains all the commands that are not frequently used. When clicked on a bar element, the corresponding drop down menu will appear.

*Command buttons* (3): these buttons are used for main functions like connection, calibration, level setup and get parameters.

*Communication LED* (4): they show communication between system and PC.

*Switch Log File*: it enables or disables recording of measurements.

*Start/Stop buttons*: Start or Stop data read from the transducer.

*Controls* can be buttons, ring selections or menu actions and their status may be:

- *Active*: they are highlighted and can be selected by means of the mouse pointer (A).
- *Not active*: they are shown but are shadowed or greyed and cannot be selected (B).

*Window actions*: to activate a function, use the mouse in order to move the cursor and click on the desired element, if active. Actions can be activated also with shortcuts, using a combination of keyboard keys. In example “Alt+F” will activate the “File” drop down menu.

*Ring selections*: it is used to select between fixed alternatives. The user can see the available alternatives by clicking on the ring selection with the mouse. If this control is not modified, it shows the current active selection.



**NOTE:** on the Digital utility we used a double naming convention with reference to the DSEnet protocol. The purpose is to highlight the use of the different parameters in order to perform measurement or calibration tasks.

The labels will show, in example:

VAL\_UMEC – Gross → Gross measurement function in engineering units

1. VAL\_UMEC = reference symbol of the parameter used to read the gross measurement (see DSEnet protocol programmer’s reference)
2. Gross = measurement function explicit name

### 7.3 CONNECT BUTTON

By pressing *Connect button*, the program opens the communication between the computer and the transducer.

Connection parameters (com port, baud rate and transducer’s address) will be default ones (COM1 port, Baud rate=57600, Address=0) or the last one that were used for a successful connection to the transducer.

During this operation, software will query the transducer for:

- firmware release and serial number and will show on the Title bar the results, if any connection is established.
- Transducer’s working parameters to be used to understand the type of transducer connected. This will enable commands and functions specific for the detected type of transducer.

When successful connection to a remote system has been achieved, the program will activate/show all the greyed buttons/functions that can be used.

If program is not able to connect with a remote unit, it will show an error message. In this case, check power supply to the transducer, connections between transducer, line converter (RS422/RS485 to RS 232) and computer. Perform a *serial scan* to find out new correct connection parameters (Configure→Serial scan).

### 7.4 START/STOP BUTTONS

*Start button* activates a continuous request of measurement from the transducer. This measurements will be shown on the topmost display. The measurement function is selected by the corresponding trace ring (i.e. press Trace1 ring to see available measurement functions).

Measurement will be displayed accordingly to the chosen measurement function, with the resolution set during calibration.

If any decimal point applies, please adjust the format of the display with View →Decimal Point.

*Stop button* stops the continuous request of measurement. Please note that the transducer will continue to measure independently from what it is asked to display from the Digital utility.

## 7.5 ZERO BUTTON

By pressing *Zero button*, the Digital utility sends to the transducer the request to perform a dynamic zero on the measurement. This command can be used independently from the fact that *START* button has been pressed. The effect of such dynamic zeroing is shown selecting the *Net (Dynamic Zero)* measurement. Please note that such zeroing will be lost if the transducer will be powered-off or if a software reset is performed (during calibration).

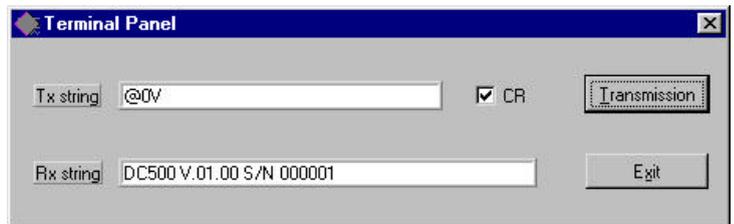
Zeroing of the measurement is also activated by:

- ZDYN Software command T0301 (see chapter 11 for protocol details)
- Digital input with closing contact (see paragraph 9.1)

Note that only VAL\_NZDYN measurement will reflect zeroing (analog output, if installed, will comply as VAL\_NZDYN behaviour).

## 7.6 TERMINAL BUTTON

*Terminal button* shows a terminal that allows User to send commands to the remote system, using the protocol structure. It shows also transducer's answers on Rx string field.



If this command is activated while a measurement is performed, the measurement is stopped.

By pressing *Transmission button* the Tx string is sent to the remote unit.

By default it is selected to add, automatically, a Carriage Return (CR) to the sting to be sent to the remote system. This option can be disabled.

## 7.7 CALIBRATION BUTTON

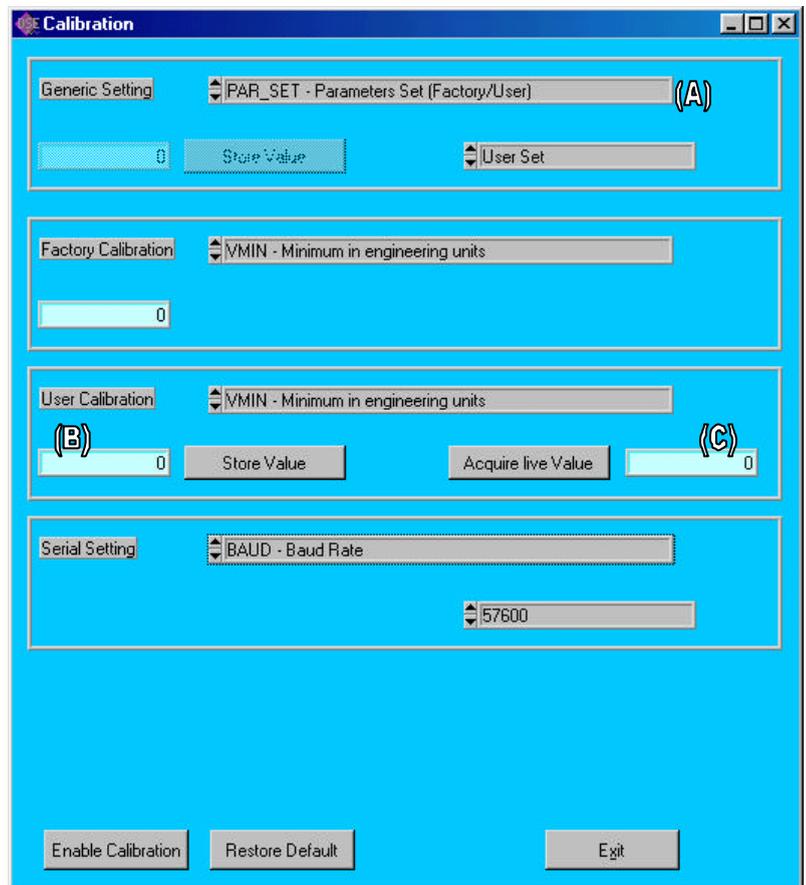
This command stops the measurement and shows a window with several frames, each of them allows the User to select/set specific parameters.

The User can select the parameter he wish to show/modify on the upper side of each frame; the program will show the actual value of the parameter on the lower side of the same frame.

Ring controls (A) and data field are used to show or modify the various parameters.

(B) input fields are used to enter values to be stored by the system using the *Store Value button*.

(C) indicators are used to display the value measured using the *Acquire live Value button*.



<b>Generic Setting</b>	
PAR_SET - Parameters Set (Factory/User)	Factory Set: transducer will convert measurement using Factory's calibration User Set: transducer will convert measurement using User's calibration
AD_SPEED - A/D Output Frequency	From 7,5 to 960 Hz
C_RESET - Reset	It performs a software reset
VERSION - Firmware version	It shows the firmware version
PRODUCER - Producer	It shows producer's name
PRODUCT - Product	It shows product name
ENAZERO - Autozero enable	It enables the autozero function (0 = disabled, 1 = enabled). Autozeroing affects Net measurement (VAL_NZDYN) and is computed from absolute value of VAL_NTARE measurements.
TAUTOZERO - Autozero time window (1/10 s)	If load variation remains within RIPPLE value, for at least this time (in tenth of seconds), autozeroing is performed.
MAXVZERO - Autozero load window	Reference value of load for autozeroing function.
RIPPLE	Maximum measurement variation where autozeroing is allowed
<b>Factory Calibration</b>	
These settings cannot be modified by the User and are displayed only for consulting	
VMIN - Minimum in engineering units	Minimum reference used to convert the A/D measurements in the chosen engineering units.
VMAX - Maximum in engineering units	Maximum reference used to convert the A/D measurements in the chosen engineering units.
MIN - Minimum A/D value	VMIN corresponding A/D value.
MAX - Maximum A/D value	VMAX corresponding A/D value.
TARE - Tare in engineering units	Tare value, if any.
<b>User Calibration</b>	
VMIN - Minimum in engineering units	Allows to enter, in the corresponding data field, the minimum reference used to convert the A/D measurements in the chosen engineering units. Use <i>Store Value button</i> to transfer and store the data on the transducer.
VMAX - Maximum in engineering units	Allows to enter, in the corresponding data field, the maximum reference used to convert the A/D measurements in the chosen engineering units. Use <i>Store Value button</i> to transfer and store the data on the transducer.
MIN - Minimum A/D value	VMIN corresponding A/D value. This value can be acquired from live measurement, using the <i>Set Param button</i> or set by indicating the known A/D value on the data input field and pressing the <i>Store Value button</i> .
MAX - Maximum A/D value	VMAX corresponding A/D value. This value can be acquired from live measurement, using the <i>Set Param button</i> or set by indicating the known A/D value on the data input field and pressing the <i>Store Value button</i> .
TARE - Tare in engineering units	It is possible to cancel a tare applied to the transducer during system setup. The tare can be set by indicating the known value on the data input field and pressing the <i>Store Value button</i> .

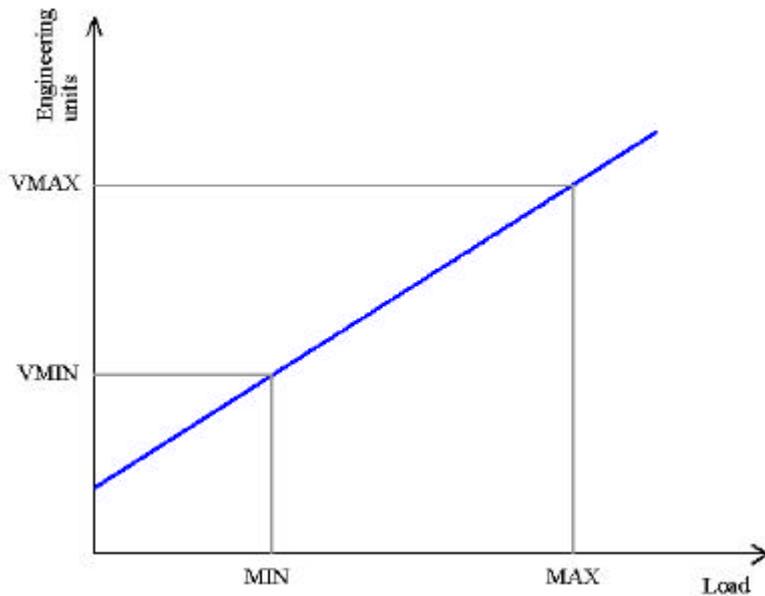
ZDYN - Dynamic Zero in engineering units	Allows to enter, in the corresponding data field, the zero reference used to calculate the Net measurement (VAL_NZDYN). Use <i>Store Value button</i> to transfer and store the data on the transducer.
<b>Serial Setting</b>	
BAUD – Baud Rate	From 1200 to 57600 baud
ADDRESS - Address	A character from 0 to 9 and from A to Z (uppercase)

**Calibration hints**

It is preferable to perform calibration of the system after a regular warm up of the electronics and of the transducer. For measurement systems this is a good practice in order to obtain good results.

**IMPORTANT: before performing a new User calibration set AD\_SPEED to 7,5 Hz so to get best results. After calibration return to the desired AD\_SPEED.**

User's calibration is a feature that allows the User to define a system's calibration specific for its needs. This can be useful if the measurement has to be performed with the conversion to a measurement unit, or a resolution, different from the ones set at Factory.



The system will supply measurement data with User's engineering units, if it can match the A/D value of two known points with the corresponding value in the desired engineering units. This means that the system will match the MIN A/D value to the corresponding VMIN value and MAX A/D value to VMAX. Based on the line defined by this matching, all the other measurements will be supplied converted on the desired engineering units. VMIN and VMAX are referring to gross measurement.

**NOTE:** when entering the value for VMIN, VMAX, TARE and ZDYN remember that the value must be an integer, considering the desired resolution. Supposing that VMAX is 5 Kg and the desired resolution is of 1g, the value to be entered as VMAX is 5000 (grams).

**Store Value button:** used to store the data entry field value into the selected parameter.

**Acquire live value button:** used to store the live measurement of a calibration parameter.

**Enable Calibration button:** some parameters are protected by a User's password in order to avoid accidental changes. The program will signal to the User that the parameter is protected if any change is performed without unlocking the protection. To unlock the protection press once the *Enable Calibration button*.

By powering down the transducer, or by resetting it, the password unlock is lost.

**Restore Default button:** by pressing this button the system will copy the factory parameters into the User's parameters. This function has to be used if the parameters loaded on the User's profile do not lead to correct measurements. This operation performs a reset of the transducer.

The system, during calibration, show the message "#3 Invalid Command" if the user tries to use the wrong command. The message is a reply from the software if a command is improperly used and is rejected by the system (no changes have been performed).  
If a setting is accepted the software will not show any message.

**NOTE:** Changes performed during User's calibration take full effect after a software reset or after a power off – power on sequence.

**Exit button:** this button closes the Calibration window and performs a software reset disabling User's password.

## 7.8 D/A SET UP FUNCTION

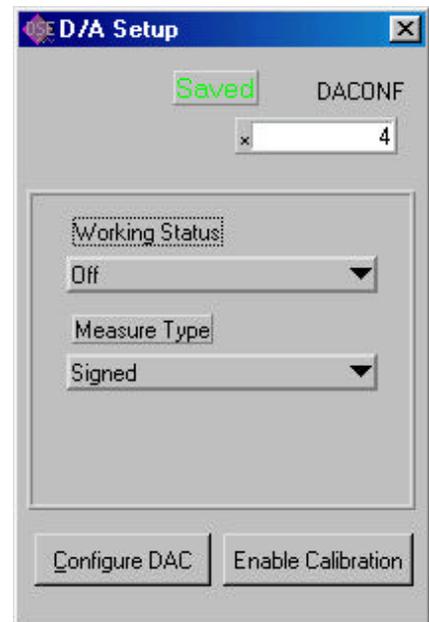
*D/A Set up button* opens a window that allows to set the behaviour of the D/A converter, if installed.

D/A output provides a 0 to 5 V output scaled with reference to VMIN and VMAX of the active Parameter Set (Factory or User); D/A output represents the analog value of VAL\_NZDYN digital value, the value can be zeroed by means of Dynami Zero and Autozero functions.

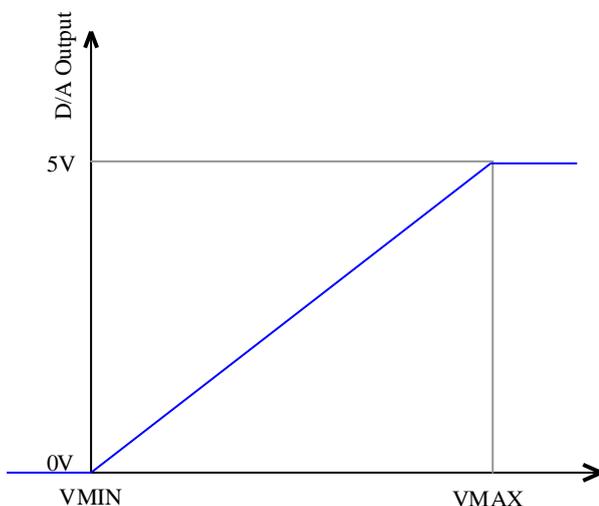
**Working Status:** the D/A converter can be activated (On) or deactivated (Off).

**Measure Type:**

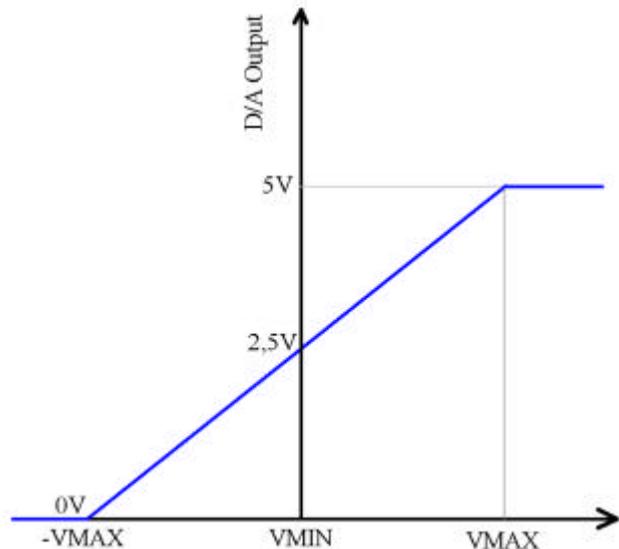
- **Signed:** zero reference is shifted to 2,5 V in order to have a  $\pm 2,5$  V of change, corresponding to  $\pm$  VMAX. This can be useful to obtain a signal that will follow a traction/compression force applied on a load cell.
- **Absolute:** the output signal will be 0V at VMIN and 5V at VMAX; any negative value will produce a 0V output.



Measure Type = Absolute



Measure Type = Signed



**Enable Calibration button:** DA configuration is protected by a User's password in order to avoid accidental changes. The program will signal to the User that the parameter is protected if any change is performed without unlocking the protection. To unlock the protection press the Enable Calibration button once.

The password unlock is lost by powering down the transducer or by resetting it.

**Configure DAC button:** sends the configuration to the system.

**NOTE:** analog output is updated with the same frequency selected for A/D AD\_SPEED - A/D Output Frequency.

**DACONF** display shows the value of the parameter resulting from the settings performed (see Parameter's Table).

Click on the 'x' of the DАCONF display to show the value expressed in decimal, hexadecimal, octal or binary format.

**DACONF** parameter collects several settings expressed in binary format (8 bits) with reference to the following table

Bit position	Description
0..1	Reserved
2	0 = Absolute output 1 = signed output
3	0 = disabled 1 = enabled
4..7	Reserved

## 7.9 TRACE RING

This ring allows to select the measurement type that will be displayed by the software, on the numeric display or with the graph, when START button is pressed.

By clicking it twice, the User displays full list of available measurement type, with the active one checked.

It is possible to change the measurement to be displayed with displaying active.

Available measurements are:



**VAL\_UMEC – Gross:** system displays the gross measurement in engineering units. Decimal point, if needed, is to be set using View→Decimal Point command. This measurement is obtained by transmitting to the system a @?R01 command with DSEnet protocol.

**VAL\_NZDYN – Net (Dynamic Zero):** displays the Net measurement by subtracting the Dynamic zero value (defined by pressing the ZERO button) to the Gross measurement (Val\_UMEC-ZDYN on Measurement's Table). This measurement is obtained by transmitting to the system a @?R02 command with DSEnet protocol.

**VAL\_NTARE (Tare):** displays the Gross measurement without the TARE value. Note that TARE value can represent a fixed tare that has to be suppressed after transducer's installation, due to mechanical parts that are fixed on the transducer but are not to be measured. This measurement is obtained by transmitting to the system a @?R03 command with DSEnet protocol.

**VAL\_AD - A/D value:** the direct reading from the A/D converter, without any additional computation on it. This measurement is obtained by transmitting to the system a @?R00 command with DSEnet protocol.

## 7.10 LEVEL FUNCTION

The system can compare the measurement with four levels (from level 0 to level 3).

Load cells and pressure transducers are not supplied with integrated relays or contacts, but the 698 digital conditioner has a corresponding number of relays whose status depends on the settings performed with this window.

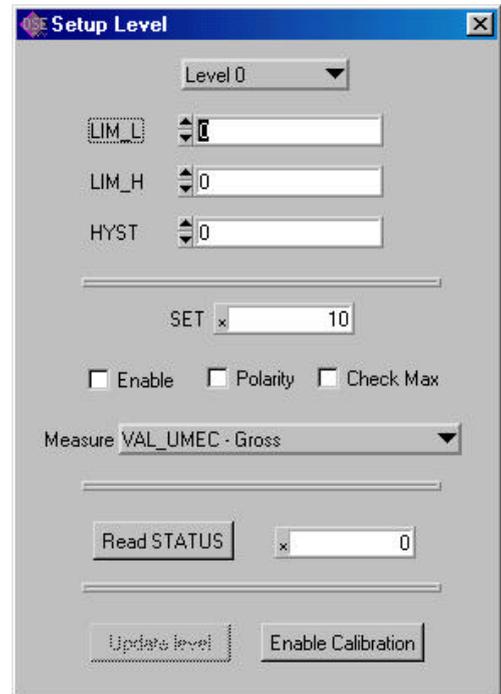
Each level is defined by the following attributes:

**Level ring:** allows to select the level of interest from 0 to 3.

**LIM\_L data entry:** used to enter LIM\_L value as a signed integer.

**LIM\_H data entry:** used to enter LIM\_H value as a signed integer.

**HYST:** used to enter HYST value as an unsigned integer



**SET:** this parameter collects several setting expressed in binary format (8 bits) with reference to the following table.

Bit position	Description
0	<b>Inverted polarity:</b> defines the output polarity: if checked (=1), polarity is Normally Closed (NC).
1	<b>Enable:</b> if checked (=1) level evaluation is enabled.
2	<b>Check Max:</b> if unselected (=0) only LIM_L is evaluated; if checked (=1) LIM_L and LIM_H are evaluated.
3	<b>Reserved</b>
4..7	<b>Measure:</b> Level evaluation is performed using the measure addressed with this index into Parameter's Table.  A different Measure can be used to evaluate each level. LIM_L, LIM_H and HYST must be expressed in the same engineering unit and resolution as selected Measure.

SET display shows the value of the parameter that results from the settings performed (see Parameter's Table).

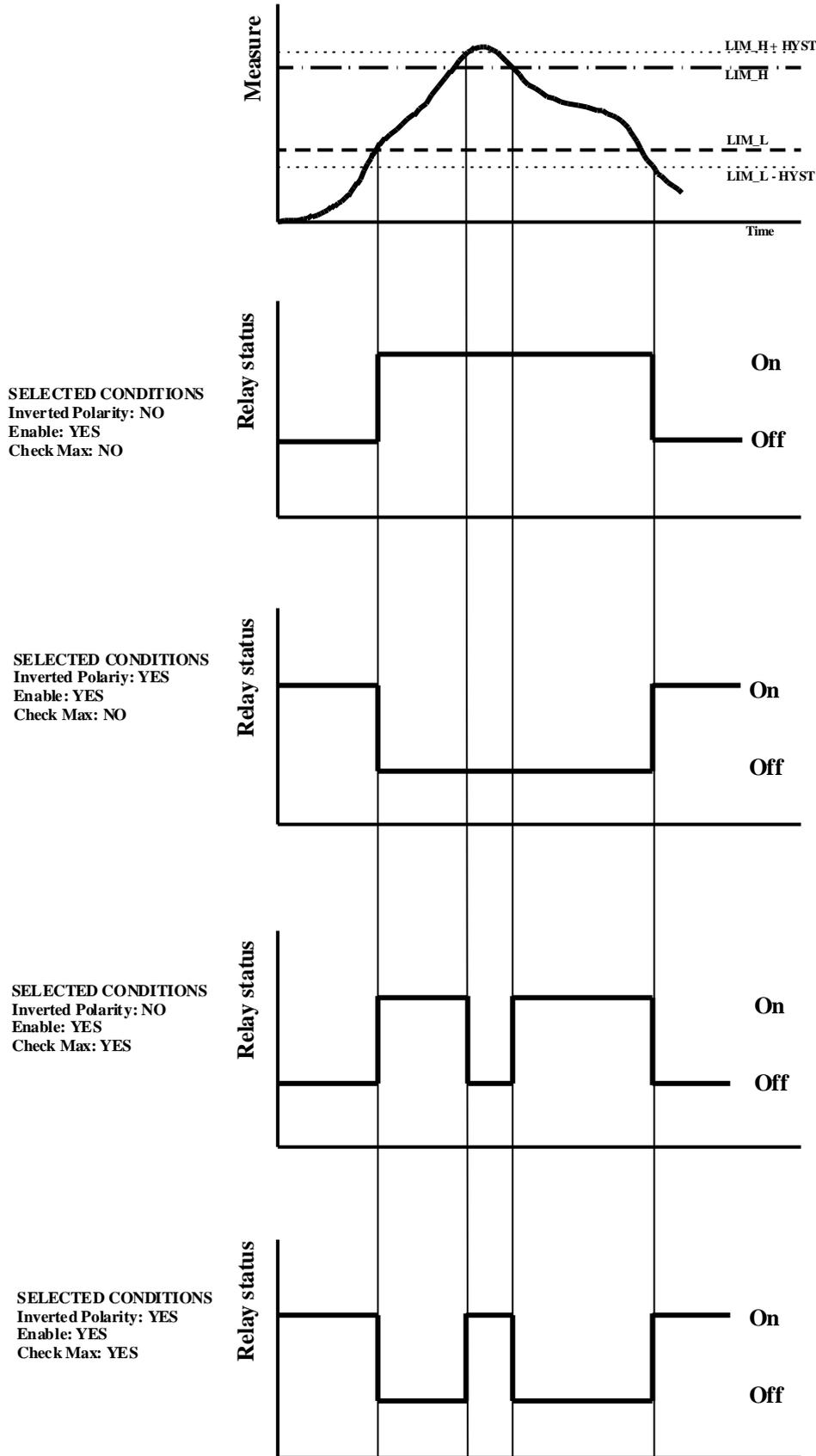
Click on the 'x' of the SET display to show the value expressed in decimal, hexadecimal, octal or binary format.

**STATUS:** this parameter collects status information for the level, in binary format (8 bits) with reference to the following table (see Parameter's Table).

Bit position	Description
0	If =0 measurement is < LIM_L or > LIM_H If =1 measurement is >= LIM_L and <= LIM_H
1	Reserved
2	Reserved
3	Reserved
4	If =0 relay disabled If =1 relay enabled
5	Reserved
6	Reserved
7	Reserved

As this settings are password protected first press the *Enable Calibration* button to unlock protection.

When all settings have been defined, press the *Update level* button so to download the settings to the system.

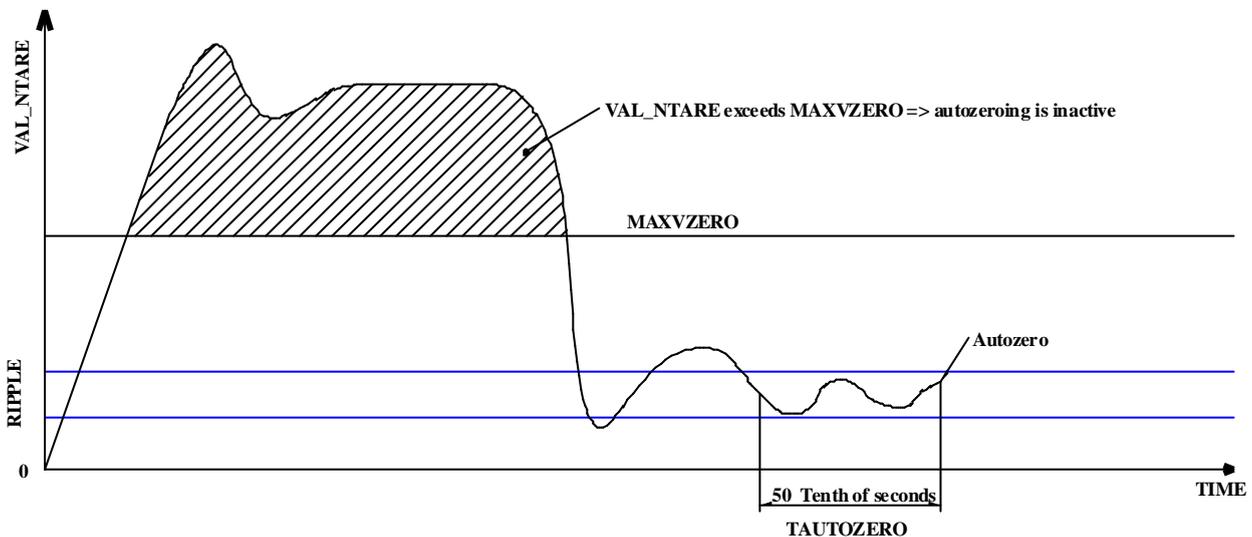


## 7.11 AUTOZERO FUNCTION

This function performs autozeroing of the Net measurement (VAL\_NZDYN) when enabled. Parameters to be set on the Calibration panel are:

ENAZERO - Autozero enable	It enables the autozero function (0=disabled, 1= enabled). Autozeroing affects Net measurement (VAL_NZDYN) and is computed from absolute value of VAL_NTARE measurements.
TAUTOZERO - Autozero time window (1/10 s)	If load variation remains within RIPPLE value, for at least this time (in tenth of seconds), autozeroing is performed.
MAXVZERO - Autozero load window	Maximum value of VAL_NTARE (in modulus) allowed for autozeroing.
RIPPLE	Maximum measurement variation where autozeroing is allowed

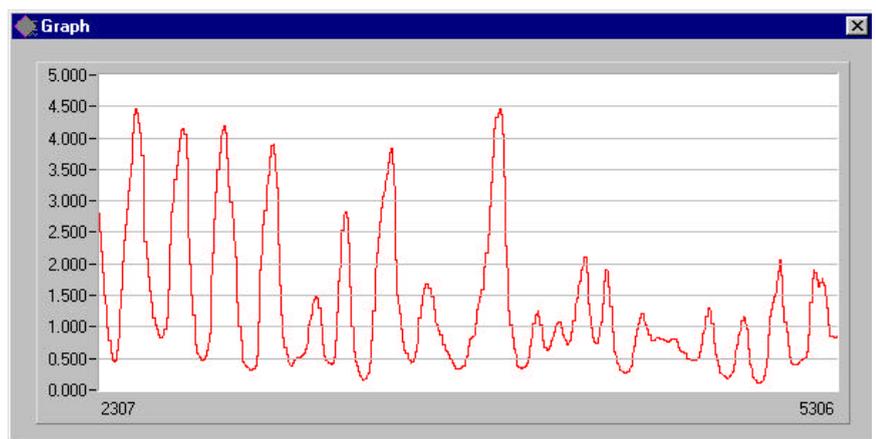
This function is intended to be used for unattended applications where zeroing has priority on measurement accuracy; we generally recommend to zero by external command.



## 7.12 GRAPH VIEW BUTTON

This button shows a window used to graph the measurement data. This data is plotted like a strip chart, with the possibility to define the way data is displayed with the View→Graph Setup command.

Samples are equally spaced without any time relationship between them.



### 7.13 VIEW→GRAPH SETUP

This command configures the Graph. The program can show up to two traces on the same graph. It is possible to define colour of the trace by clicking on the coloured area below “Line Color Trace”.

**Displayed Samples:** allows to define the width of the X axis windows used to show the measurements.

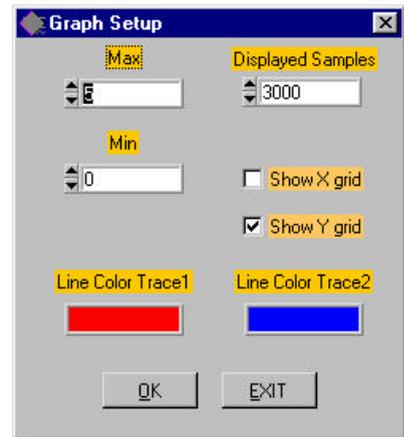
**Max:** used to define Y axis maximum

**Min:** used to define Y axis minimum

**Show X grid:** select to show the X grid.

**Show Y grid:** select to show the Y grid; by default it is always selected.

**Exit button:** closes the window and applies all changes. The graph is cleared.



### 7.14 VIEW→DECIMAL POINT

It defines the decimal point position to be used on the measurement display. This formatting applies also to the graph. The position refers to the rightmost character (Decimal point=0; no decimal point is applied). This value can range from 0 to 5.

### 7.15 CONFIGURE→SERIAL

This command opens a windows can be used to set-up specific parameters for a serial connection.

**Serial ID:** as default the program looks for an instrument with ID=?. This character is used when the ID of the target system is unknown. Using the question mark, the remote system will always reply (there must be only one instrument connected to the computer trough a RS485 line).

**COM:** through this ring selector, the User can select the COM port to be used for serial communication. All the ports available on the computer will be listed (if correctly detected by Windows)

**Baud Rate:** all the possible baud rates, from 1200 to 115200 baud can

be selected through this ring selector

**Advanced Button:** this button opens a new window by which additional settings can be performed.

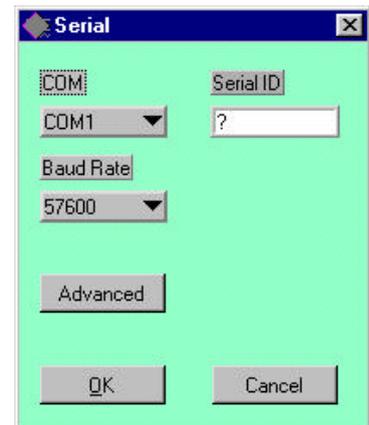
**Default connection parameters:**

Data bit	8
Parity	None
Stop bit	1
Flow control	No

This parameters cannot be changed and are greyed.

**RS-485:**

- **None:** no RS-485 interface is used internally to the computer. This is the default for RS 232 connections to RS232/RS485 external converters
- **Internal board:** if an internal RS-485 interface board is used on the computer, this setting can be used to solve communication problems due to the fact that the interface is not in automatic mode (it does not disable receive while transmitting data on the line). It can be applied to PCI/ISA/PCMCIA internal boards.



**Please note that we have not tested all the interfaces available on the market.  
DS Europe does not assure that the Digital Utility can work with any board on the market.**

### 7.16 CONFIGURE→SERIAL SCAN

By choosing this command, a serial scan is performed searching for a transducer to connect with.

Please connect to a RS485 serial line only one transducer so to obtain a valid connection.

During “Serial Scan” the program scans all computer’s available serial ports (COM ports) with the possible baud rates (from 1200 to 115200 baud).

You will see activity on the Tx led indicating that computer, at each combination of COM port/baud rate, is looking for a valid reply to the “@?V” command in order to conclude the search.

The program will stop with a “Error #2 No instrument connected” message, if no system is found.

When a valid connection is achieved, firmware release and serial number will be shown on the Title bar and the START button can be selected to activate a continuous display of the measurements.



### 7.17 CREATE LOG FILE

This function allows to create a log file of the measurements displayed by the Digital Utility.

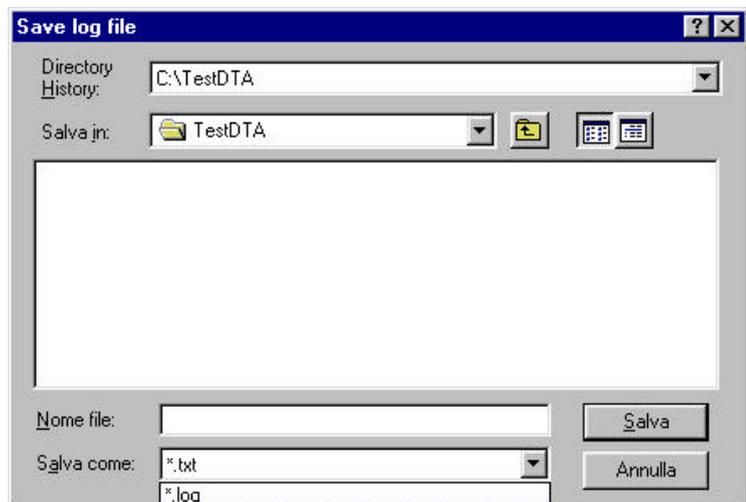
This check box has to be selected before beginning the measurements of interest.

By pressing the *STOP* button, after the measurements, the program will ask for the name and the directory where to save the data file. Data file is always a plain text file that can have a “.log” or a “.txt” extension.

Data column are separated by TAB.

Timestamp column represents the time between measurements as measured by a free running 16 bit counter incremented by 1 at AD\_SPEED frequency. At 65535 counter resets to 0.

#### Data file format



07-25-2001 19:43:02

Timestamp	Trace1
202	-5004
210	-5004
214	-5004
224	-5004
234	-5004
253	-1
255	-1
264	-1
274	-1
289	-2
294	-2
304	-2

314	-2
324	-2
334	-2
344	-2

## 8 LED FUNCTIONALITY

LED indicator may be installed inside the instrument to inform the User about the working status of the unit, without the need to connect it with a computer.

Some units, like the pressure transducers mod LP660, are not supplied of such LED indicators, due to space constraints.

Please refer to each product's description in order to find LED1 and LED2 position, if present.

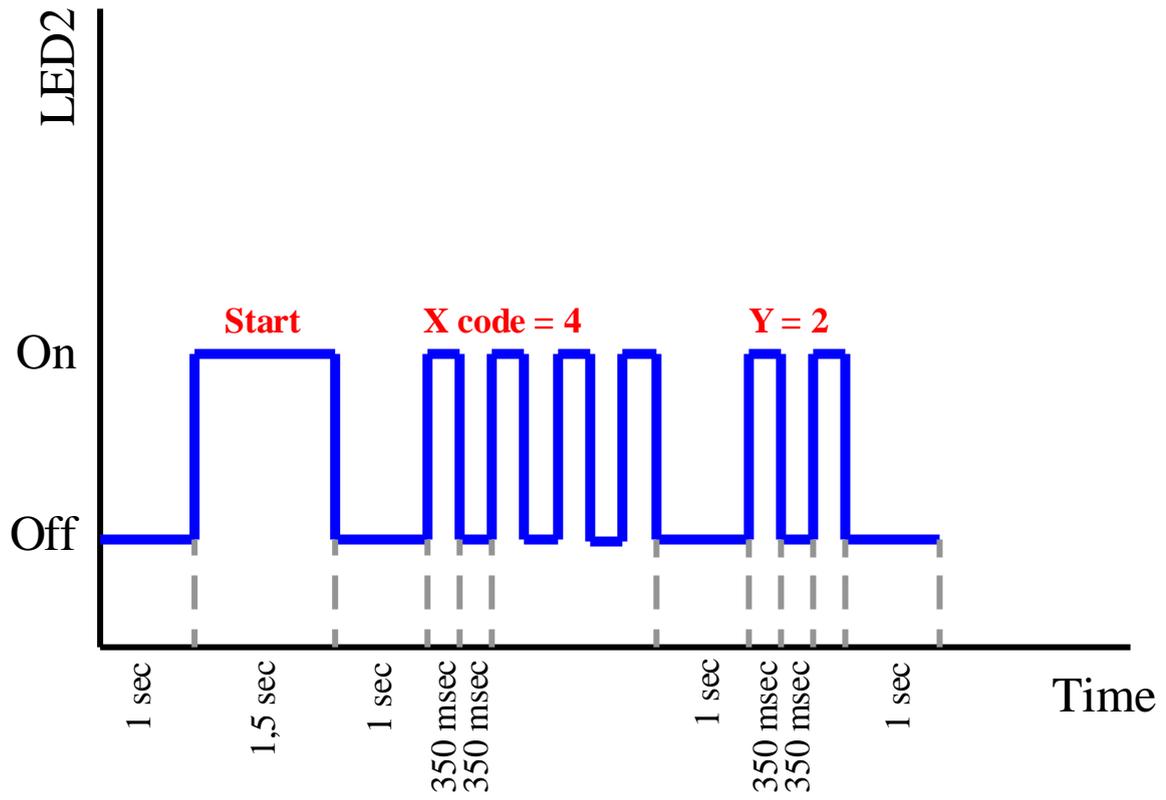
### 8.1 LED CODE

**LED1:** indicates the transducer serial line status. Normally it flashes with a 0,5 Hz frequency; additional flashing is modulated on it due to serial data traffic.

**LED2:** indicates error status by using a X-Y code, where X represents the error code and Y represents error detail.

Condition	X pulses	Y pulses
Normal working – No errors	1	1
A/D Converter not responding - timeout	2	1
Special Modbus parameters override Initialization	2	3
Special Modbus parameters override active	3	3
Incorrect calibration – parameter values too near	3	1
Overload	4	1
Wrong linearization table	5	1
Invalid EEprom data	2	2

Flashing timing	LED status	Timing
<b>Start</b>	On	1,5 sec
	Off	1 sec
<b>X code</b> (i.e 4)	On (first)	350m sec
	Off	350 m sec
	.....	.....
	On (fourth)	350m sec
<b>Pause between X and Y code</b>	Off	1 sec
<b>Y code</b> (i.e 2)	On (first)	350m sec
	Off	350 m sec
	On (second)	350m sec
<b>Final pause</b>	Off	1 sec
Back to star sequence		



## 9 INPUTS FUNCTIONALITY

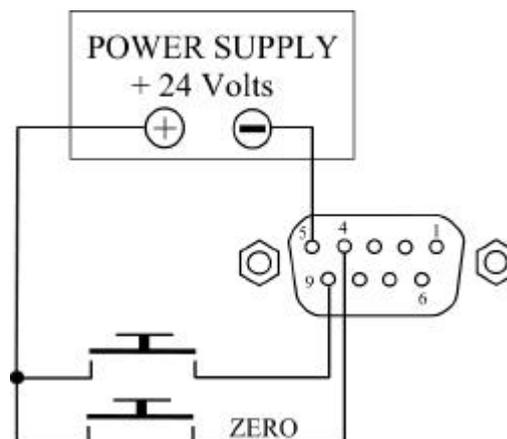
Two digital inputs are provided on the instrument; function associated to inputs is activated by means of application of an external +24V signal.

### 9.1 INPUT 1

**INPUT1:** performs Zeroing of the Net measurement (VAL\_NZDYN).

### 9.2 INPUT 2

**INPUT2:** no function currently associated to this input



## 10 RESOLUTION VS. AD\_SPEED

Typical performances table related to AD\_SPEED setup, based on DS Europe system's design.

AD_SPEED	A/D converter output frequency	Internal A/D filter frequency (Hz) @ -3dB	Resolution (bit)
2	960	230	12
3	480	122	13
4	240	62	13
5	120	31	14
6	60	15.5	15
7	30	7.75	15
8	15	3.88	16
9	7.5	1.94	16

Above figures are based on typical performances declared by Cyrrus Logic, producer of the Crystal CS5532 A/D converter used in our product.

For more information please see Cyrrus Logic document DS289PP3-Oct.99 and further modifications.

**NOTE:** due to the low amplitude of the measured signal and to the high resolution of the system, measurements may be affected by electrical or mechanical noise.

A clean power supply, proper grounding and shielded cables are necessary to obtain proper measurements.

## **11 MODBUS SERIAL PROTOCOL**

### **11.1 INTRODUCTION**

Modbus protocol is fully supported in both ASCII and RTU variants; device address, protocol type, baudrate and data frame are freely selectable at user's need; no external dip switch is used for device configuration; device is configured via Modbus protocol by means of its internal parameter's database.

For a detailed Modbus protocol description, please refer to the following Modbus protocol document which may be downloaded from [www.modbus.org](http://www.modbus.org):

Modicon  
Modbus Protocol Reference Guide  
PI-MBUS-300 Rev.J

#### **11.1.1 Modbus interface configuration**

A device in an unknown state can be forced to wake up into a special maintenance mode by disconnecting it from the system and shorting two by two its 422 interface lines: Tx+ must be connected with Rx- and Tx- must be connected with Rx+.

The device must then be turned on, LED will begin to blink with code 2-3. After a few seconds, without turning it off, the shortings can be removed and the device can be reconnected to the system. LED will now blink with code 3-3.

Internal programming parameters will be bypassed and the device will communicate via Modbus ASCII, address 1, serial interface configured at 9600 Baud, 7 bits, 1 stop, even parity.

#### **11.1.2 Parameter mapping into Modbus registers**

Parameters and data contained in the device are organized into a database that can be accessed by the Modbus protocol via three functions.

Device measurements are mapped into the 3x input registers, at even addresses, starting at address 0, and can be read using Modbus function 4 (Read input registers).

Device parameters are mapped into the 4x holding registers, at even addresses, starting at address 0, and can be read from and written into using Modbus functions 3 (Read holding registers) and 16 (Preset Multiple Registers).

#### **11.1.3 Parameter Calibration**

Although all parameters may be read and written, some of them may need to be internally calibrated by means of special functions: this means that some parameters need a mean to store 'on the fly' values internally generated by the device.

As an example, the A/D converter Min and Max parameters can be read, written (a previously read backup value can be rewritten at a different time) or calibrated (system performs some internal measurements and computes the value of the parameter to be directly stored into the database).

For this purpose, a Gateway Parameter has been introduced, to activate the needed calibration functions.

The user wanting to calibrate, for example, the Minimum A/D value (MIN) parameter, just needs to write into the 'gateway' the number of the MIN parameter for it to be calibrated; the device will perform an internal calibration procedure and will produce the correct parameter's value, which will be automatically stored into the parameter memory space.

I.E.: In order to calibrate parameter UVMIN, user must write its index (which is 0028, as reported in the Protocol Parameters Table, see User's Calibration Parameters) into the Gateway Parameter, whose index is 5000.

Please note that the Parameter Protection must be unlocked before calibration, otherwise this procedure will have no effect on the system.

## **11.2 PARAMETER'S PROTECTION**

Two passwords are used to protect stored data. One password is reserved to DS Europe and protects factory parameter settings that are read only for the User.

A second password is reserved to User and protects the working parameters from unwanted modifications.

User's password use is straightforward: the value 1234 must be written into the User's Password parameter to modify any protected setting, otherwise any change will be rejected and system's parameters will remain read only.

Each time the system is powered off or a reset is triggered, the Password's parameter is zeroed, restoring the read only status of the parameters.

## 12 PROTOCOL PARAMETERS

This section describes the Tables used by the Modbus protocol, with reference to digital load cell DC500.

### 12.1 COLUMN MEANING

- **Ind** parameter's index
- **Prot** indicates protection level assigned to the parameter: **F** = Factory password protected, **U** = User password protected, **RO** = Read Only
- **Symbol** contains the symbol used as reference on the manual to indicate the parameter, indicating its function.
- **Min** indicates the minimum value allowed for the parameter.
- **Max** indicates the maximum value allowed for the parameter.
- **Default** indicates the default value for the parameter.

### 12.2 INPUT REGISTERS (3X)

Ind	Prot	Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Default
0000	RO	A/D measurement	VAL_AD	-	-	-
0002	RO	Gross measurement, in engineering units	VAL_UMEC	-	-	-
0004	RO	NET measurement, in engineering units (Gross-ZDYN)	VAL_NZDYN	-	-	-
0006	RO	NET measurement, in engineering units (Gross-TARE)	VAL_NTARE	-	-	-

**Warning:** *Measure value can assume the following special values to signal system anomalies:*

- 999991 when A/D converter fault occurs;
- 999992 when calibration errors occurs (when values are too near or wrong);
- 999993 out of scale (transducer has been overloaded);
- 999994 wrong linearization table.

**Note:** -999991 will be returned if any measure is requested, while all the other error values will be returned only for measurements converted in mechanical units

### 12.3 HOLDING REGISTERS (4X)

Ind	Prot	Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Default
0000	U	D/A Converter configuration	DACONF	0	255	152
0002	U		AUTOZERO	0	1	0
0004	U		TAUTOZERO	0	60000	0
0006	U		MAXAUTOTARA	0	999999	0
0008	U		RIPPLE	0	999999	0
0010	U	Serial address	ADDRESS	1	255	1
0012	U	Baud rate: 3 = 1200 4 = 2400 5 = 4800 6 = 9600	BAUD	0	6	6
		7 = 19200 0 = 38400 1, 2 = 57600				
0014	U	0 = ASCII, 1 = RTU	ASCII/RTU	0	1	0
0016	U	0 = 8 bit, 1 = 7 bit	DATALENGTH	0	1	1
0018	U	0 = No parity 1 stop 1 = Even parity 1 stop 2 = Odd parity 1 stop 3 = No parity 2 stop	BYTEFRAME	0	3	1
0020	U	Reset requests Set to 100 to reset system	C_RESET	0	999999	0
0022	U	Active calibration set: 0 = Factory calibration 1 = User's calibration	PAR_SET	0	1	1
0024	U	Dynamic ZERO	ZDYN	-999999	999999	0
0026	U	A/D converter output frequency: 2 = 960 Hz 3 = 480 Hz 4 = 240 Hz 5 = 120 Hz	AD_SPEED	2	9	2
		6 = 60 Hz 7 = 30 Hz 8 = 15 Hz 9 = 7,5 Hz				

**User's calibration parameters**

Ind	Prot	Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Default
0028	U	Minimum in engineering units Ch 0	UVMIN	-999999	999999	0
0030	U	Maximum in engineering units Ch 0	UVMAX	-999999	999999	1000
0032	U	Minimum's A/D value for Ch 0	UMIN	-999999	999999	1000
0034	U	Maximum's A/D value for Ch 0	UMAX	-999999	999999	5000
0036	U	Tare A/D value for Ch 0	UTARE	-999999	999999	0
0038	U	Not Used				

**Factory calibration parameters**

Ind	Prot	Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Default
0040	F	Minimum in engineering units Ch 0	FVMIN	-999999	999999	0
0042	F	Maximum in engineering units Ch 0	FVMAX	-999999	999999	1000
0044	F	Minimum's A/D value for Ch 0	FMIN	-999999	999999	1000
0046	F	Maximum's A/D value for Ch 0	FMAX	-999999	999999	5000
0048	F	Tare A/D value for Ch 0	FTARE	-999999	999999	0
0050	F	Not Used				
0052	F	Absolute Minimum	FVMIN	-999999	999999	0
0054	F	Absolute Maximum	FVMAX	-999999	999999	1000
0056	F	A/D converter Offset	FMIN	-999999	999999	1000
0058	F	A/D converter Gain	FMAX	-999999	999999	5000
0060	F	Positive Offscale	FTARE	-999999	999999	0
0062	F	Negative Offscale	FTABLEN	0	8	0
0064	F	Number of Positive Offscale	FTARE	-999999	999999	0
0066	F	Number of Negative Offscale	FTABLEN	0	8	0

**System's parameters**

Ind	Prot	Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Default
0068	--	User's password	UPASSWD	0	999999	0
0070	RO	Firmware version	VERSION	-	-	-
0072	RO	Manufacturer's code	PRODUCER	-	-	1
0074	RO	Product's code: 3=Digital load cell 5=698 Digital conditioner 6=LP668 pressure transducer	PRODUCT	-	-	
0076	F	Factory Password	FPASSWORD	-	-	-
0078	F	On/Off Cycles	ACCENSIONI	-	-	-

**Calibration Gateway**

Ind	Prot	Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Default
5000	--	Gateway to access to calibration functions	GATEWAY	-999999	999999	0

## 13 658 CONNECTION CABLE

<b>Mod.698D DB9 MALE RS 485</b>	<b>Mod.658-5-X DB9 FEMALE</b>
1 and 7	5
2 and 6	4

<b>Mod.698D DB9 MALE RS 422</b>	<b>Mod.658-2 DB9 FEMALE</b>
1	5
6	4
7	8
2	9

<b>Mod.500QD/QDT CABLE RS 422</b>	<b>Mod.658-2 DB9 FEMALE</b>
BLUE	5
BROWN	4
GREEN	8
VIOLET	9

<b>Mod.500QD/QDT CABLE RS 485</b>	<b>Mod.658-5-X DB9 FEMALE</b>
BROWN and GREEN	5
VIOLET and BLUE	4

<b>Mod.LP668 CONNECTOR RS 422</b>	<b>Mod.658-2 DB9 FEMALE</b>
4	5
3	4
5	9
6	8

<b>Mod.LP668 CONNECTOR RS 485</b>	<b>Mod.658-5-X DB9 FEMALE</b>
4 and 6	5
3 and 5	4

## **14 TERMS OF SALE**

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### **14.1 LIMITED WARRANTY**

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Moreover, in case of heavy or non-reparable damages, the Product may be rendered disassembled to the Buyer if the cost to re-assemble the Product will not be paid.

The Product contains firmware that is provided on an "AS IS" basis: essentially, firmware is in accordance with the description of the Product manual.

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